

What is claimed is:

1. A method for administering terminals in communication networks, comprising:
  - 5 registering at least one terminal with a central registration entity;
  - communicating at least one application with the at least one terminal;
  - performing an inquiry at the central
  - 10 registration entity; and
  - performing at least one action on the basis of the result of the inquiry.
2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the  
15 registering of the terminal with the central registration entity is not carried out by the terminal to be registered.
3. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
20 registration information is updated.
4. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:
  - performing the inquiry for the user of the
  - 25 terminals by the application; and
  - supplying a list of terminals allocated to the user back to the application.
5. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein an  
30 interrogation is permitted if the application has authority for the interrogation.
6. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein in the registration information, preferences relating to  
35 the terminals are specified as:
  - an order of priority in which individual terminals are to be addressed,
  - data formats to transmit voice and/or data to

the corresponding terminal, and  
transmission standards for the transmission.

7. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the  
5 application decides from the registration information  
supplied back which terminal establishes contact.

8. The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the  
application establishes contact with a number of  
10 terminals.

9. A device for administering terminals in  
communication networks, comprising:  
at least one terminal registered with a central  
15 registration entity; and  
at least one application to communicate with  
the at least one terminal,  
the application performs an inquiry at the  
central registration entity, and  
20 the application performs at least one action on  
the basis of the result of the inquiry.

10. The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the  
registering of the terminal with the central  
25 registration entity is not carried out by the terminal  
to be registered.

11. The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein  
registration information is updated.  
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12. The device as claimed in claim 9, wherein the  
application performs the inquiry for the user of the  
terminals, and supplying a list of terminals is  
allocated to the user is supplied back to the  
35 application.

13. The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein an interrogation is permitted if the application has authority for the interrogation.

5 14. The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein in the registration information, preferences relating to the terminals are specified as:

an order of priority in which individual terminals are to be addressed,

10 data formats to transmit voice and/or data to the corresponding terminal, and  
transmission standards for the transmission.

15 15. The device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the application decides from the registration information supplied back which terminal establishes contact.

20 16. The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the application establishes contact with a number of terminals.

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